# The Army Of India

JOHN BULL'S NATIVE SOLDIERS AS A FACTOR IN THE GREAT UNREST.

How Lord Kitchner Reorganized the Troops-Their Efficiency—Government Factories and Horse Breeding Farms-India's Police Force - Professional Murderers. Poisoners and Baby Killers-A Look at the Jails and Their Convict Labor-The Courts and Their Native Justices.

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ALCUTTA, India, Aug. 20.—The ing all they can to stir up sedition in troubles in India continue. All is quiet upon the surface, but every now and then a bomb is thrown, a conspiracy unearthed that shows the volcano beneath. Since I have been here in vain. The soldlers are loyal and the anarchistic organizations have made attempts upon the lives of many officials, trains have been wrecked and the most barbarous plots unearthed. Several bombs have been thrown at the viceroy, and no high official is safe. In the main the natives are quiet; but the unrest seems increasing and any interna-tional complication in which Great Britain takes part may precipitate

On my way here to Calcutta I traveled with Gen. Pole-Carew, a well known British officer. In speaking of the army, he said:

"Our Indian troops will be loyal emough as long as England is in the ascendency and her power in the far east predominant. If we should have trouble with any other nation, such as Russia for instance, and should meet with defeat, there would be a danger that the Indian army would fly to the worship of the rising sun. As it is now we hold India because it is a continent of many nations rather than one. The peoples are such that they cannot com-bine. The members of the various castes hate one another. The races will not mix and the religious sects, if left alone, would fight to the death. It is in this fact that our safety lies. Said another general whom I met here

at Calcutta:
"If the British rule were removed for a week, India would be anarchy. The Mohammedans would swoop down on the Hindoos, and the Goorkhas would loot and massacre the towns of Bengal. The only salvation for India is in a strong power at the head; and we manage our army by keeping the castes and sects in such divisions that they cannot We learned that during the Sepoy rebellion and shall never forget

The Soldiers Loyal. I am told that the agitators are do-

The army, all told, would be small, even if the country were homogeneous and peaceful. It is nothing in comparison with the great forces which are forming in Europe and in the far east If India had as many soldiers as Japan as on a peace footing its army would number three millions, and if on a war ooting it would be more than twelve millions. The Germans have 1 percent of their whole population under arms, and in times of war they could put 5 percent of it into the field. At the same ratio India could have 15 millions inder arms in the great wars of the be the Chinese, who at the same rate Anarchistic publications are

Lord Kitchener and the Army. The Indian army was made over by ord Kitchener. I met him about a year ago here at Calcutta, when he was still in charge of the troops. He speaks highly of the soldiers as a fighting force and says they are loyal to the government, although atempts have been made to corrupt them. Lord Kitchener when he came to India about eight years ago found three armies, each confined to one part of the country. He consolidated these and mobilized them. He made nine divisions, each of which had its own general and staff. These were organized for war and each could take the field intact, leaving enough troops behind to maintain order. Every

conditions that would obtain should the army, as now constituted, be dissolved. division had its own transport and sup-One of the northern chiefs, who con-trols a population larger than that of ply arrangements, and the divisional generals had great authority. At the same time additional officers were ap-"I should like to see the British leave pointed and a military college insti-India. If they did I would take half a tuted to supply others. Lord Kitchener dozen regiments, and within three weeks there would not be a two anna reorganized the cavalry and infantry as vell as the other departments, and it bit left on the plains of the Ganges. was during his administration that the We would loot the Bengalese and caparmy proper was divided from the deture their women. I tell you it would partment of military supplies.

Military Supplies. This last department has now its has here a combination of the most great business institutions of the govturbulent and most peaceful peoples on ernment. It deals with army contracts, der 12 years of age of certain castes, earth. He has some whose religion the manufacture of clothing and ord- about 40 in every 1000 were missing. turbulent and most peaceful peoples on ness to fight and plunder their fellows: has factories for making boots and indeed, clothing for the soldiers, factories for Amor other and who would fight to the death making harness and also large estabkinds. It has camel and cattle farms, camels available for military serv-

> gens are transported by raffroad. and the Deccan. The system is to pur-

army la the best paying asset in John degree the difference in the numbers of Bull's schedule of East Indian investments. It is kept up without taxing the people at home, and it gives him a big fighting force which he can shift to any part of the world upon order. He have almost disappeared. The police used it against the Boers, and also in have a record of every professional of tion. In case of an Asiatic war of any galleries their photographs and finger description it would be invaluable to print records. The railway has its own him, and upon the whole it makts In- police and there are guards about every die worth far more than it costs. This station. There are strong jalls everytotal expenses of the military supplies are about 100,000. and of the soldiers. The cost amounts During my stay here I visited some to something like \$100,000,000 a year, of the gails. There are many of them

from a western standpoint. The native or three dollars per month, which is labor, hard, medium and light; they good pay for this part of the world, are alletted according to the physical Moreover, those who remain in the capacity of the men. Much of the work service for a fixed length of time are is in manufactures of various kinds, and, therefore, can luxuriate for the rest of their lives.

The Police Force,

In addition to the army, India has large civil police. Every town has local watchmen, and every city is patrolled by police with clubs in their ands. The local village police aggresomething like 700,000 men, and this would be hardly enough to give ne to each village. In addition there are thousands in the cities and on the whole order is fairly well kept. The thugs and other castes, who, in times past made a business and religion of murder and stealing, have been wiped out but there are still armed gangs who now and then go about committing robbery and house breaking.

The system of police work is excelent. The watchmen are under the eyes of the head men of their villages, and important crimes are reported to the listricts, and in many cases the watchnen are responsible for loses

thefts. Every place has its own police station and arrangements for patrol day and night. In the larger towns there are police commissioners and at the stations lists are kept of released conual offenders. Such parties are careful, watched and when they move their reputations go with them to form part of the black list of their new residence

Professional Murderers. Upon such lists are the descendants of the thugs and members of the other castes, who formerly made crime cusiness. There are many of these, Th Kuru marus are professional thieve and pickpockets. They teach their chl dren to steal and lie out of it. They burglarize houses not through doors or windows but by diggins

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ments made for the purpose. The thugs have about disappeared, having been hunted down by the police like wild beasts. They were a caste of band of hereditary assassins who first strangled and then robbed their vicims. They had maps of the country with murder stations marked upon

he trials a certain thug confessed that he had been engaged in 900 murders The road prisoners of today are said to be the descendants of or allied to the thugs. They work in small gangs, future, and the only power that might following the pilgrims and travelers possibly surpass her in numbers would and using poison that they may be able to rob and make their escape. could muster, perhaps, five millions One of the most common drugs is nux vomica, and another is the dhatura, which produces insensibility and death. The latter comes from a plant common all over this country. If is one of the famous poisons of ancient India, which kills without trace. One of the most noted poisoners of recent times used this drug. He was a police man, who had learned the trade in jail. At his trial he confessed that he had

upon them at which places one could

kill with least danger of discovery.

They killed by wholesale. In one of

poisoned hundreds of people, and he gave the details of 69 murders. Poisoning has always flourished in India. The legends of the gods are full of the custom, and love charms and death charms may still be bought. The tanners used to polson cattle for the sake of their hides by placing arsenic in their feeding troughs; and within recent times an attempt was made to poison an army official with diamond dust mixed with arsenic. There are traditions of princes and princesses who have been poisoned by envenomed robes like that of Nessus.

Baby Killers, Until very recently one of the most common crimes in India has been in-fanticide. It is still practiced in some localities, being most prevalent at the times of famines. Such infants are usually girls. Many of the Hindus look times of famines. upon the birth of a female child as a wn secretary, and it is one of the curse; and at a census taken not long ago it was shown that of the girls unnance, the transportation of animals This would mean the killing of four and food, and various other things. It girls in a hundred, a large percentage

Among the Rajputs of northern India making harness and also large estab-lishments for the manufacture of field destroyed at birth, and I am told that guns, sheds and armament of various this still occurs now and then. In and about Benares there is a tradition that and it supplies mules and horses and if a girl baby be drowned in milk, other animals for transport. There are it may come into the family next year several camel corps, and there are as a baby boy. Such beliefs made inparts of the country where the camel and the state of the country where the camel fanticlde common in many parts of owners are given lands free on condition that they hold a certain number took hold. One authority relates that timels available for military serv- in some of the tribes of Oudh not more. This department has also to do than one in 20 of the baby girls were with elephants, some of which are used allowed to live, and many castes and for dragging tht great guns through tribes threw their surplus of children the jungles and over the roads. In com. Into wells or tied them to trees, where ing long distances both elephants and their eyes were picked out by the crows. In the upper Ganges valley the The chief breeding farms for horses, British had to pass special laws for mules and donkeys are situated in cer-tain selected districts in northern India child murder. The police were set on them and they were heavily taxed until chase young stock and rear them on their proportion of girls corresponded to that of the rest of the country. Even the government farms. Horses for the that of the rest of the country. Even cavalry are also imported from Austoday everywhere throughout India tralia, and stallions from Arabia for girls are less prized than boys, and the the improvement of the native stock.

The Army as an Asset.

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The following the importance of the country. Even today everywhere throughout India girls are less prized than boys, and the girl baby is not as well cared for as her baby brother. She is not so well fed and not as well treated in sickness. The officers here tell me that the It may be that this has caused in some

Jails and Convict Labor. decreasing, and in the British states Thina at the time of the Boxer rebel- the criminal classes, and in the roques' especially so, as the Hindus pay the where, and the criminals now in prison

but this is all raised by the taxation scattered throughout British India, and f Hindustan.

The army is not extravagantly kept prisoners. In nearly all contract labor s done. The prisoners work about nine oldiers receive something like two hours a day. There are three classes of refired on a pension of 5 cents a day, and as far as possible in the making of things for the government. A great deal of the clothing and tents for the army come from the jails. The criminals print most of the government blanks, and they also make furniture for the public buildings. In some jalls trades are taught. A great weaving is done and some of the finest carpets of the world are made in the jail at Agra. The prisoners are forced to work, and should they shirk they are punished. Among the punishments are various forms of confinement, working in chains and whipping. There are also rewards for industry and good onduct, and the orderly criminal can thus cut down his term.

There are boys in most of the jails; out they are kept in separate wards and receive an education of the manual training order. There are also reformaories for both girls and boys; and in me profinces the jails have special departments for girl criminals.

The Courts of India. Indeed, law and order now mean more n India than in any other country of sla, with the exception, perhaps, of lapan. There are courts everywhere, ind every native has the right to bring cuit. The Hindus are fond of the and they spend freely in defending their rights. Something like 2,000,000 lvil cases are instituted each he officers of the courts number almost 3000, and the civil justices and the najority of the magistrates are natives. here are many trials by native juries, and the native lawyers, who usually are graduates of the universities, are both ble and efficient. There is stem of appeal courts, and in Madras, mbay, Bengal and the united provces there are supreme high courts,

hich have the right of appeal to the rivy council in England. I have before me some recent statiswhich give one an idea of the work f the criminal courts, and show how vell the British are keping law and orer in Hindustan. The country, as you now, is thickly populated. Its inhabiants number 200,000,000, but among all ese last year there were only two in ach thousand convicted of crimes suffiiently grave for sentences of imprison-There was only one murder in ach 300,000, and only one in each half illion received the sentence of death. one year in this population, three mes as large as that of the United ates, there were less than 50,000 conctions of theft, and only 1700 men insported to the penal colonies of the daman Islands. I submit that this and is far better than that of most

the countries of Christendom. Frank G. Carpenter.

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ple us," George declared blankly. "Any

It was perhaps an hour later that

"I just ran in for a minute to tell

you something new. When I came

up from the bank the elevator boy

at the hotel made a mistake and car-

ried me past my floor. Without notic-

ing the difference. I went down the

hall, and whom should I run right in

to, coming out of a room, but our de-

tective! As he opened the door I heard

him say, 'Very well, sir, I'll report to-

"I don't know. A few minutes later

while I was waiting for my number

the operator evidently got the wires

crossed or left a switch open, for I

"'Our contract covers 50,000 cases

"I was about to ring off when I re-

membered that you had sold your out-

put of 50,000 cases to Bloc & Co. for \$5

a case, so I listened on a chance and

"I don't know. It said, 'We'll under-

"'Good Lord!' said the first speaker.

That means a loss of- And then I was cut off. I thought I'd better come

over in person instead of trusting to

"And you didn't recognize either

"No. But I discovered at the office

that rooms 610 and 612-the suit I saw

that detective coming out of-are occu-

pled by a Mr. Jones of New York, who

arrived three days age. I'll bet any-

thing you please that you'll hear from

Bloc & Co. within twenty-four hours

and that the occupant of those rooms

Big George began to mutter profane-

ly. "It looks like they had us, and all

because Fraser's tongue is bung in the

"All the same, we'll fight it out," said

"Bloc & Co.," predicted Cherry, but

"A call from Tacoma," said Boyd the

receiver to his ear; "it must be the

Second National. They were not to let

me know till tomorrow." Through

the open door of the adjoining room

his words came distinctly, while the

"Hello! Yes! This is Boyd Emer-

son," Then followed a pause, during

which the thin, rasping voice of the

distant speaker murmured unintelli-

"Why not? Can't you give me a rea-

Emerson hung up the receiver care-

fully and with the same deliberation

turned to face his companions. He

nodded and spread his hands outward

"What, already?" queried the girl.

in an unmistakable gesture.

son? I thought you said- Very well.

others listened in tense silence.

Emerson grimly. "If I can raise that

money in Tacoma"- Again the tele-

phone bell buzzed notsily.

for once she was wrong.

at the Hotel Buller is Willis Marsh."

ht \$5. We thought that was at least

heard this much of a conversation:

20 cents under the market.'

heard another voice reply"-

"Whose voice?"

sell that by \$1."

the wire."

speaker?"

middle."

"To whom was he reporting?"

morrow."

one of these blows is a knockout."

Cherry entered unannounced.

Synopsis of Previous Chapters. "Well, this is growing interesting. Boyd Emerson and "Fingeriess" Fra-ser enter Kalvik, Alaska, and meet a young white woman, Cherry Malotte, who shelters them.

Cherry describes the salmon fisheries

Cherry describes the salmon fisheries and Marsh, the unscrupulous head of the Kalvik canneries.

Cherry owns a cannery site. Emerson, George Balt and she go into partnership. Emerison describes his fallure to "make good" in Alaska.

Emerson kisses Cherry goodbye. Balt, Fraser and Emerson nearly lose their lives in Katmai pass and miss the steamer at Katmai on their way out to get capital.

After dreadful privations they catch the boat at Kadiak and are soon enroute for Chicago. Emerson seeks Miss Mildred Wayland.

Midded Wayland.

and hurriedly wrote a message canceling his order. "I guess Cherry was right. Marsh is fighting to delay us." He began a recital of the morning's occurrence, but before he had finished he was called to the telephone.

"More bad news," he exclaimed as he re-entered the room. "The Jackson-Nebur company say they can't make delivery of their order. I wonder what next."

"We don't need anything more to crip-

(Cintinued From Yesterday.) The man's cry as he struck the water alarmed the crowd and caused a momentary stampede, in which Cherry and Boyd were thrust shoreward, but the confusion quickly subsided as an officer flung a heaving line to the gasping creature beneath. A moment later the batless spy was dragged to the dock, indignant and sputtering.

"I'm very sorry, sir." Poyd apologiz ed profusely. "It was all my fault The plank was steep, and I was forced off my feet. Whenever I'm followed treated in sickness, too closely I lose my head. It's a weakness I have "

The man was still too unmanned by his cold immersion to do more than All such capital crimes, however, are chatter angrily. In the hubbub Emer son led his companion out into the street, where she beheld him shaking with suppressed laughter.

"Boyd," she cried in a shocked voice, "then it was. You-you might have killed him! Suppose his head had struck a timber!"

"Yes, that would have been too bad," he declared Then, at the sight



MEYER "I'M VERY SORRY, SIR."

of her face, his chuckle changed to a wolfish snarl. "He'll know enoug" to keep away from me hereafter." "Don't! Don't! I never saw you look so. Why, it might have been mu:

"Well?" He stared at her curious!;

"I-I didn't think it of you." Sh

shuddered weakly, but he only shrug

ged his shoulders and said, with a finality that cut off further discussion: "He's a spy. I won't be spled upon." When Boyd entered his room at the hotel, whither he had gone after leaving Cherry at Hilliard's bank, Big

George greeted him excitedly.

"Rollers held up."

"Boilers?"

telegram.

get that barkentine." "The Margaret? Why not? The charter was all arranged." "The agent telephoned that we could

"Here's the dickens to pay. We can't

not have her." "What reasons did he offer?" "None. We can't have her, that's

"She's the only available ship on the sound. Our stuff will be here in a fortnight."

"Yes. Read that." Balt tossed him a

"They must have been reached by phone." "That detective may have called "Some of it will." Marsh up from there." "What do you"-

gibly.

"That means it won't do any good

to try further in Tacoma. The other banks have undoubtedly been fixed, or they soon will be. If I can slip away undiscovered I'll try Vancouver next, "Shipment delayed," read Boyd but I haven't much hope"

"It looks bad, doesn't it?" said Cher

"As we stand at present," Boyd acknowledged, "we are the owners of a hundred thousand dollars' worth of useless machinery and unsalable supplies."

"And all," mused the girl, "because of a loose toriene and a little type." (To Be Continued.)

The Wherefore,

"Your daughter practices on the plane faithfully, I notice. Now, mine "Mine does, too. But she'd rather prac-

tice all day than help with the house

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smuggled into the native barracks, and

attempts made to create dissatisfaction

among the soldiers. So far this has been

stick to the British. Nevertheless, they

are thinking and thinking hard. The

Japanese-Russian war was watched and

discussed in the barracks, and it was a

great surprise that the Japanese de-

feated the Russlans. It was the defeat

of the white man by the brown man,

and the question among the fighting class is, if the Japs were victorious

why should not the East Indian be so in some great war of the future. On

the other hand the rajahs appreciate the

John Bull's hold upon India is the wonder of colonial governments. He

teaches them it is their duty and busi-

and millions who have feuds with each

did they not fear the strong arm of the

with a military force which averages much less than one soldier to each

thousand people. India has altogether

200,000,000, and the total army, includ-

ing both British and natives, is only

236,000. This is scattered all over the peninsula. There are eight div mons in

the nor h, a large part of which guard the frontier, and there are four di-

visions in the south, as well as the

Great Britain, recently said:

be sport."

British.

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